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HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BILASPUR, CHHATTISGARH

SINGLE BENCH: HON'BLE SHRI S.R. NAYAK, CJ.

WRIT PETITION NO.1781 OF 2006

PETITIONER		**RAM UDAI MISHRA** aged about 45 years S/o Markandey Mishra, R/o MIG-2-1710 Industrial Area Housing Board, Bhilai, Tahsil and District DURG (C.G.)
	Vs.	
RESPONDENTS	1.	**STATE OF CHHATTISGARH** Through Forest Ranga Officer, Bemetara, District Durg. (C.G.)
	2.	**NAZAR BEG @ BHAKKA** Aged about 25 years S/o Shri Ramjan Beg R/o Village-Deokar, Police Station Saja, Police Out Post – Deokar, District Durg (C.G.)

Present: Mr. V.G. Tamaskar, learned counsel for the petitioner.
Mr. Yashwant Singh, learned Govt. Advocate for the State.

ORAL ORDER
(Passed on 13th April, 2006)

The motor vehicle of the petitioner has been seized on the ground that the said vehicle has been involved in the commission of a forest offence under the Indian Forest Act. At the time of hearing, it was stated at the Bar that the Authorised Officer has already initiated confiscation proceedings under Section 52 of the Indian Forest Act. The petitioner without making appropriate application before the Authorised Officer for release of the subject motor vehicle has rushed to this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution. In that view of the matter, I decline to entertain this writ petition. The writ petition is, therefore, dismissed, however, reserving liberty to the petitioner to move an application before the Authorised Officer for release of the subject motor vehicle, and if such an application is made, it is expected that the Authorised Officer shall consider the same and pass appropriate order without much loss of time.

Sd/-
Chief Justice